

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of Mr. Harold E. Rutti on the occasion of his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

*WHEREAS, Harold E. Rutti was born January 6, 1921 in Home, Kansas to the late Otto and Laura Rutti on a humble dairy farm. Lured by warm weather and an education, he joined the Army Air Corp in 1942 moving to south Georgia; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Rutti was swept off his feet in a Jitter Bug contest, he would begin a 40 year marriage with the lovely and spunky Doris Williams; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rutti would celebrate the birth of 5 children and live many happy years devoted to providing a home and an education for their children who would throughout their life refer to him as “Daddy”; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rutti would enjoy the birth of several grandchildren before the death of his beloved Doris. He would meet and marry another Southern Belle, Mary Lee, and together they would witness the birth of numerous grandchildren and step grandchildren; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Rutti made a long career in the construction and land development business, designing a large farm house and several horse barns well into his 84<sup>th</sup> year; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Rutti would become “Papa” to his grandchildren because of his gentle words and kind heart, with the smallest of children finding comfort holding his large hand or dancing on his feet; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Rutti is known for his ambition and devotion to education, one of his greatest sources of pride would be the educational achievements and career accomplishments of his children and grandchildren; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Rutti is such a rare and humble gentleman that he never fails to offer praise, or give a listening ear to a troubled heart. We now honor him; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as “HAROLD E. RUTTI DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens in paying tribute to this man who has set a gold standard for family love and compassion.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006.*

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Deke Copenhaver  
Mayor